

The Hongkong Telegraph.

No. 2369.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1889.

SIX DOLLARS
PER QUARTER

Banks.

RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

1.—THE BUSINESS of the above BANK will be conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, on their premises in Hongkong, Business Hours on WEEK-DAYS, 10 to 3; SATURDAYS, 10 to 1. 2.—SUMS LESS THAN \$1, OR MORE THAN \$350 at one time will not be received. No Depositor may deposit more than \$2,500 in any one year. 3.—DEPOSITORS in the SAVINGS BANK, having \$100, or more, at their credit may at their option transfer the same to the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION on fixed deposit for 12 months at 5 per cent, per annum interest. 4.—INTEREST at the rate of 3 1/2% per annum will be allowed to Depositors on their daily balances. 5.—EACH DEPOSITOR will be supplied gratis with a PASS-BOOK, which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their PASS-BOOKS, but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July. 6.—CORRESPONDENCE as to the Business of the Bank, if marked ON HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK BUSINESS, will be forwarded free by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China. 7.—WITHDRAWALS may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the Depositor or his duly appointed Agent, and the production of his PASS-BOOK, are necessary.

FOR THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,

G. E. NOBLE,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 1st January, 1889.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL \$7,500,000.
RESERVE FUND 4,400,000.
RESERVE LIABILITY OF 7,500,000.
PROPRIETORS 7,500,000.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.—
CHAIRMAN—W. H. FORBES, Esq.
DEPUTY CHAIRMAN—H. L. DALRYMPLE, Esq.
W. G. BRODIE, Esq. S.C. MICHAELSEN, Esq.
T. E. DAVIES, Esq. J. S. MOSES, Esq.
J. F. HOLLIDAY, Esq. J. P. POMERICK, Esq.
Hon. J. J. KESWICK, N. A. SIES, Esq.
Hon. B. LAYTON, Esq. E. A. SOLOMON, Esq.

CHIEF MANAGER,
HONGKONG—G. E. NOBLE, Esq.
MANAGER,
SHANGHAI—JOHN WALTER, Esq.
LONDON BANKERS—LONDON AND
COUNTY BANK.

HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED
ON CURRENT DEPOSIT ACCOUNT, at
the rate of a per cent, per Annum
on the daily balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS—
For 3 months, 3 per cent, per Annum.
For 6 months, 4 per cent, per Annum.
For 12 months, 5 per cent, per Annum.

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

CREDITS granted on approved Securities,
and every description of BANKING and
EXCHANGE business transacted.

DRAFTS granted on London, and the chief
commercial places in Europe, India, Australia,
America, China and Japan.

G. E. NOBLE,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 24th August, 1889.

THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK
CORPORATION, LIMITED.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL £2,000,000.

PAID-UP CAPITAL £50,000.

London:—40, Threadneedle Street,
West End Office:—25, Cockspur Street.

BRANCHES IN INDIA, PERNIA, CHINA, JAPAN
AND THE COLONIES.

THE BANK receives MONEY ON DEPOSIT,
Buys and Sells BILLS OF EXCHANGE,
ISSUES LETTERS OF CREDIT, towards BILLS for
COLLECTION, and Transact Banking and
Agency Business generally, on terms to be had
on application.

INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS:
Fixed for 12 months, 5 per cent, per Annum.

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ON CURRENT DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS
2 per cent, per Annum on the Daily Balance.

AGENCY DEPARTMENT:
For the convenience of those returning to
Europe an Agency Department has been added to
the ordinary business of the Bank for the trans-
action of Personal Agency of every description.

Pay and Pensions collected.

Baggage cleared, warehoused or forwarded.

Insurances effected.

Circular Notes and Letters of Credit issued.

AGENCY OF THE NATIONAL LIFE ASSURANCE
SOCIETY.

H. A. HERBERT,
Manager.

HONGKONG BRANCH.

NOTICE.

JEYE'S SANITARY COMPOUNDS
COMPANY, LIMITED.

JEYE'S WOOD PRESERVER OR
ANTISEPTIC PAINT.

THE Undersigned have this day been
appointed SOLE AGENTS for the sale
of these PERFECT DISINFECTANTS, and
are prepared to supply quantities to suit
purchasers, at Wholesale Prices, Extra Special
terms for Shipping and Large Quantities.

Sir ROBERT RAWLINSON, C.B., C.E., Chief
Sanitary Engineer, Local Government Board
London, says

"It is the best Disinfectant in use."

W. G. HUMPHREYS & Co.,
Bank Buildings,

Hongkong, 10th June, 1889.

Intimations.

A. HAHN,
PIANO TUNER AND REPAIRER.
ON HIRE PIANOS FOR SALE
Address: c/o HONGKONG HOTEL or No. 25, CAINE ROAD.
Hongkong, 24th December, 1888.

W. BREWER.

HAS JUST RECEIVED.

BROWN RUSSIA BOOTS AND SHOES.
RED RUSSIA BOOTS AND SHOES.
BROWN CALF BOOTS AND SHOES.
GLOVE KID BOOTS AND SHOES.
PATENT LEATHER BOOTS AND SHOES.
SATIN LINED DANCING PUMPS.
TENNIS SHOES.

W. BREWER,
UNDER HONGKONG HOTEL
Hongkong, 11th October, 1889.

KELLY & WALSH, LTD.

JUST LANDED

IN SPLENDID CONDITION, THE FOLLOWING BRANDS

FRESH CIGARETTES.

SWEET CIGARETTES.

KINNEY'S STRAIGHT CUTS.

FULL DRESS STRAIGHT CUTS.

VIRGINIA BRIGHTS.

RICHMOND STRAIGHT CUTS.

LITTLE BEAUTIES.

KELLY & WALSH, LIMITED,
QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, HONGKONG.
Hongkong, 21st September 1889.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

HAVE RECEIVED THEIR FIRST SHIPMENTS OF
GENTLEMEN'S OUTFITTING GOODS,
FOR THE AUTUMN SEASON.

UNDERSHIRTS, PANTS, SOCKS, JERSEYS, ROWING, FOOT BALL and POLO
SINGLETS.
NEW OXFORD and FRENCH PRINT SHIRTINGS.
NEW CALCUTTA CLOTHS for SHIRTS and PYJAMAS.
THE LATEST COLLARS, SCARFS and CRAVATS.
NEW FELT HATS.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

HAVE JUST RECEIVED
EX "SARPEDON" AND "PESHAWUR".

NEW Shades of Cashmeres, and Dress Materials, Plushes and Velvets, Silks, Satins, Broches and Moirés, Jersey, Coats, and Ulsters, Sunshades and Umbrellas, Hats and Bonnets, Flowers and Feathers, Silk and Satin Gloves, Mitts, &c., Ribbons, Laces, and Frillings, Ladies', Children's and Gentlemen's Boots and Shoes. Toys and Fancy Goods. Gent's Felt Hats, newest Shapes.

Hongkong, 30th September, 1889.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

BY mutual arrangement the interest and
responsibility of LAM WAI SHEANG
in the firm of FOK Mow, No. 26 Bonham
Strand, ceased on and from the 9th instant. The
Business is now being carried on as usual.

FOOK MOW,
Cotton & Cotton Yarn Merchants.
Hongkong, 10th October, 1889. [1266]

NOTICE.

THE business hitherto carried on at "The
White House," Queen's Road Central,
under the style or title of "GATE & FAIRALL,"
has this day been dissolved by mutual consent.

E. S. GATE.
B. FAIRALL.
Hongkong, 16th October, 1889. [1289]

NOTICE.

WITH reference to the above, the business
will in future be carried on under the
style of "GATE & CO.", who will pay and
receive all accounts in connection with the old
firm.

Miss FAIRALL will continue to manage
the Dress-making Department until the 31st
December next.

E. S. GATE.
Hongkong, 16th October, 1889. [1290]

To be Let.

TO LET.

HOUSE No. 2, "SMITH'S VILLAS" Maga-
zine Gap, a spacious five roomed HOUSE
with basement and outhouse, excellent view.
Expected to be ready 1st August next.

Apply to F. BLACKHEAD & Co.
Hongkong, 2nd July, 1889. [1288]

TO LET.

"WELLBURN" (PEAK).
Possession from 1st November.
Gas laid on.

Apply to THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT
AND AGENCY COMPANY,
LIMITED.
Hongkong, 14th October, 1889. [1274]

TO LET.

ROOMS in "COLLEGE CHAMBERS."
No. 4, SEYMOUR TERRACE.
Apply to DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.,
Hongkong, 20th September, 1889. [1313]

Consignees.

CANADIAN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP
COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEEs.

STEAMSHIP "PORT FAIRY,"
FROM VANCOUVER, YOKOHAMA,
AND KOBE.

THE above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for Counter-signature, and take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel
will be landed and stored at Consignee's risk and
expense.

ADAMSON, BELL & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 18th October, 1889. [133]

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNNEES of CARGO per Steamship
"CITY OF RIO DE JANEIRO".

The above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of
Cargo are hereby requested to send in their
Bills of Lading for Counter-signature, and to take
immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

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will be landed and stored at Consignee's risk and
expense.

CHAS. D. HARMAN,
Agent.

Hongkong, 18th October, 1889. [131]

U. S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
THROUGH TO NEW YORK, VIA OVER-
LAND RAILWAYS, AND TOUCHING
AT YOKOHAMA AND SAN
FRANCISCO.

THE U. S. Mail Steamship

"CITY OF RIO DE JANEIRO"
will be despatched for San Francisco, via
Yokohama, on SATURDAY, the 26th inst.,
at 1 P.M., taking Passengers and Freight for
Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Through Bills of Lading issued for trans-
portation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports,
to San Francisco, and Atlantic and Iland
Cities of the United States, via Overland Rail-
ways to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and
to ports in Mexico, Central and South America,
by the Company's and connecting Steamers.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England,
France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines
of Steamers.

E. L. WOODIN,
Superintendent.

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office,
Hongkong, 21st October, 1889. [130]

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PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
THROUGH TO NEW YORK, VIA OVER-
LAND RAILWAYS, AND TOUCHING
AT YOKOHAMA AND SAN
FRANCISCO.

THE U. S. Mail Steamship

"GAEIC".

will be despatched for San Francisco, via
Yokohama, on WEDNESDAY, the 6th Novem-
ber, at 1 P.M.

Connection will be made at Yokohama with
Steamers from Shanghai and Japan Ports.

ALL PARCEL PACKAGES should be marked to
address in full; and the same will be received at
the Company's Office until FIVE P.M. the day
previous to sailing.

First-class Fares granted as follows:—

To San Francisco \$225.00

To San Francisco and return 393.75

available for 6 months 393.75

To Liverpool 325.00

To other European Points at proportionate
rates. Special reduced rates granted to Officers
of the Army, Navy, Civil Service, and the
Imperial Chinese Customs, to be obtained on
application.

Passengers by this line have the option of
proceeding Overland by the Southern Pacific
and Connecting Lines, Central Pacific, Northern
Pacific or Canadian Pacific Railways.

Passengers, who have paid full fare, re-embark-
ing at San Francisco for China or Japan (or
vice versa) within one year will be allowed a
discount of 10 per cent. This allowance does
not apply to through fares from China and
Japan to Europe.

Intimations.

DAKIN BROS. OF CHINA.

L I M I T E D ,
C H E M I S T S .

MANUFACTURES OF AERATED
WATERS.

THE Factory is fitted with a powerful Steam Plant of the most replete and modern description. The whole process of manufacture is under the continuous supervision of a qualified English Chemist.

The following are manufactured daily:—
AERATED WATER, GINGER ALE,
SODA WATER, SELTZER,
LEMONADE, LITHIA,
TONIC, SARSAPARILLA.

PHOSPHOZONE.

DAKIN'S PHOSPHOZONE.—A Delightful Tonic Beverage, free from Alcohol. Since its introduction to Public Notice as a First Class Substitute for Alcoholic Liquors, it has gained great popularity, and deservedly so, and we look forward with confidence to its general adoption where a pleasant stimulant beverage is required, without those injurious after-effects common to Alcoholic stimulants.

DAKIN BROS. OF CHINA, LIMITED,
LONDON—HONGKONG—AMOY. [13]

N O T I C E .

A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.
FLOWER AND VEGETABLE SEEDS.
SEASON 1889-1890.

WE have just received, our New Season's imports, direct from the best Growers in England, France, and Germany, and are now prepared to execute all orders received for same with prompt and careful attention.

DESCRIPTIVE CATALOGUES for ordering, containing hints for gardening, will be sent post free on application.

ORDERS FROM ONE PERSON \$5 TO \$10 ALLOWED 25 PER CENT. DISCOUNT.

ORDERS FROM ONE PERSON OVER \$10 ALLOWED AN EXTRA 5 PER CENT. DISCOUNT.

SINGLE PACKETS AT LIST PRICES.

WE GUARANTEE
That all seeds sold by us shall prove to be as represented, to the extent that should they not do so, we will replace them, or send other seeds to the same value. But we cannot guarantee the crop any further than the above offer, as there are so many causes which operate unfavourably in the germination of seeds in a tropical climate, over which we have no control. Among the causes of failure may be mentioned unfavourable weather, which is one of the most important. The soil may be in proper condition when the seed is planted, but the weather, which follows may be too wet, which will cause the seed to rot; or it may be too hot and dry, which destroys the germ before it shows itself. The soil may also be unfavourable for the variety of seed planted. And lastly, the seeds may be and are frequently destroyed by vermin of various kinds. Such occurrences are beyond the power of man to prevent, and for which we cannot be responsible.

Hongkong, 3rd September, 1889.

WATSON'S
P A T E N T D E S S I C A T I N G
O R
D R Y I N G B O T T L E S .

We beg to call special attention to our NEW
P A T E N T D R Y I N G O T T L E S
which have been specially
designed and
manufactured
for us.

By the use of these Bottles, CIGARS, SEEDS,
and GOODS of all kinds, which are susceptible
to the destroying influences of moisture can be
kept in good and perfect condition.

Whenever or wherever the atmosphere is sur-
charged with moisture these Bottles will be
found invaluable.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.
THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY,
Hongkong, 3rd September, 1889.

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BIRTHS.

At 49, Broadway, Hongkong, Shanghai, on the 13th instant, the wife of D. McCallum, of a son.

On the 16th instant, at 3, Siking Road, Shanghai, Mrs. MARIE ROHDE, of a son.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1889.

TELEGRAMS.

THE CZAR IN BERLIN.

BERLIN, October 12th.

The Czar met with a cool reception on his arrival at Berlin. His Majesty is staying at the Russian Embassy.

At the Banquet at the Palace the German Emperor hoped that the friendship of a century would always continue, and said he was resolved to cherish it as a legacy from his ancestors.

The Czar returned thanks and specially toasted Prince Blasmark.

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COREAN NOTES.

and one must feel inexplicably sad as these facts come to light. One man said: "Our people do not know the doctrine of Jesus, and do not see that such things are very wicked, and being poor, they are unwilling to do the best they can for their families and trust their Lord to help them care for the children He sends." Child selling is also prevalent, and it is very sad to see parents eager to sell their children for a good price, and to hear mothers say, "We do not care to keep our children, they are too much trouble." I was attending a sick man in a village, and one day noticed that the baby was not in. Its accustomed place. "Where is your boy?" I asked. "I sold him to a shopkeeper in the village and got 2.80 cash for him." A little boy, of eight years, standing by, turned to his father and said: "Why, I thought you got 3.00 cash for him," and the matter seemed of no importance, beyond the price received, to either of them. Wife-selling also prevails, but it is not very common; the parents are able to exercise a wholesome check in this matter, for in case of mistreatment they may accuse the husband before the magistrate and make him pay dearly for his folly. Two cases have recently occurred in Tai Ku which illustrate this. In these cases the second wife took opium to spite her husband and died, and the husband, being accused before the magistrate by the parents, was fined 6,000 cash, a heavy sum for labouring men. I was called to attend a case in which the second wife sought to end her life with opium, and was only prevented doing so by my timely arrival. Very soon thereafter the man called for the parent of his wife, and arranged with them to take the girl back home, which they did for a slight consideration. The wife may be mistreated, but she has the means of revenge at hand, for opium is found in almost every house and all know how to use it. A vast majority of the opium cases are women. It is the custom in China for the bride-groom to pay a certain amount of money for his wife, but it is not always true, I suppose, that the amount given determines the esteem in which the wife is held. One rather bright and pretty woman came to visit us one day, and as she went out the gatekeeper said: "That is a silver woman. She cost Tls. 150." The husband being a comparatively poor man, was certainly proud of his rather costly wife. It would be interesting to know whether this fact contributed to domestic felicity.—*The Chinese Times*.

BRITISH NORTH BORNEO.

SANDAKAN, October 1st, 1889.

The pig nuisance promised to us on again. Large droves are crossing the Kinabatangan and at the Bentrice estate the Sulu gardeners and other people have already killed several.

We are glad to hear that the Estimate of \$200,000 on account of Land Sales has already been exceeded by \$4,708. The amount received in August was \$61,912 and the total to date (1st August) \$204,708.

Crocodiles are evidently hungry in Padas Damit. A girl was seized while bathing last week, but was rescued by two men diving after the animal, which was promptly captured. A pony was also bodily taken away and eaten.

Several batches of Sulu ponies have arrived in Sandakan lately, for the most part very fair specimens of horse flesh. They have been eagerly bought up, with the result that peddlars are becoming uncommon, nearly every traveller being mounted to take the morning and evening air.

The two Chinese, Lock Ah Tow and Wong Guan, sentenced to death for murder of some Dusuns on the West Coast, were executed within the precincts of Sandakan Gaol on Thursday, September 12th. No spectators were allowed and the execution was carried out without any contumacy.

A gang of convicts are now busy at work improving the hill on the Eastern side of Fort Poyer, which is being levelled and terraced, and the gully at the foot is being filled up behind the gaol palisading. The foundation for the new gaol is nearly completed, the site having been reclaimed from high water mark.

A large site has been levelled below Mr. Robertson's bungalow wherein quarters for Government officers are being built. The site is a fine one, commanding a full view of Sandakan harbour. Sites in this direction now are pretty well taken up. The new Club has a site in the lower part of the hill as also the new Hotel and Stores Company.

The Government is in correspondence with the Government of Bombay with a view to importing all the emancipated slaves who are released in that city by H. M. ships, as it is understood that being ignorant of both English and Hindustani they are unable to find employment in India where they have recently been arriving in large numbers.

We hear that Amerer Ul Kiram's aspect will not much improve the political aspect in Sulu because as soon as it became known to his adherents, they set about choosing another leader as they declare that they will never submit to either the present Sultan (Harous) or to the Spanish Government. Things are so bad that no protection can be given to Europeans outside the Spanish cantonment.

Amerer Ul Kiram, one of the rival claimants of the Sultanate of Sulu, arrived here in the beginning of the month. He has resigned his claims in favour of Sultan Haroun, the nominee of the Spanish Government, and will probably settle with his family in Sandakan. He is a small man, aged about thirty, with a somewhat sinister appearance. His costume is both rich and gaudy, being of brilliantly coloured silk, bespangled with gold. He is accompanied by four wives and about forty followers.

The China-Borneo Company have received a telegram from Messrs. Binger and Herschel of Amsterdam dated September 13th, stating that 371 bales of tobacco from Baron von Stein's Estate in Darvel Bay have been sold at 140 Dutch cents per kilo, which equals about 22. 5d. per English lb., or \$2.00 per picul, 56 bales of this lot were damaged, which being taken into consideration the price realized must be highly satisfactory to all interested. The tobacco was valued at 22. 6d., or one penny more than it realized.

We hear that the definite reply may soon be expected from the Indian Government in reference to the question of indentured labour for this State. It is now more than six months since formal proposals were made by His Excellency the Governor to the Indian Government. Even if Indian immigration is permitted as in the Straits and protected states, it is doubtful whether Indian coolies are of much use in the tobacco industry except in unusually healthy estates as they are more susceptible to fever than Malays or Banjarese.

The wild boar season appears to have set in, more especially on the Kinabatangan and Segalland Rivers. Mr. Poyer and Dr. Rigby have had some sport in this direction on the Kinabatangan, the Amazon of the territory. Mr. Johnston, of the Segalland, reports them in great numbers near his tobacco plantation. A few days ago the Melati Estate police were out in the jungle near the estate when they came across several elephants. They wounded one bull, but he managed to get away with two balls in the stomach. On the Segalland just now the elephants appear to have vanished for a time.

Mr. Bjerse, late electrician at the Palace at Seoul, left Ch'umulpo on the 1st instant. The electric light at Seoul is at a standstill, and candles are used, as of old, within the precincts of the Palace.

The agricultural products in Corea are very wretched, and from the present outlook very large crops will be gathered all over Corea this year.

Several foreign employees of the Corean Government have been discharged lately, and it is probable that several more will follow shortly. It is rumoured that Major Lee and Colonel Cummins, of the Corean Army, have been notified that their services are no longer required.

Six guns (40 pounds), gun carriages, and ammunition arrived at Ch'umulpo on the 3rd inst from Germany for the Corean Government. They came via Hongkong, where they were transhipped into the Corean steamship *Signal*. What use they will be to Corea is a problematical question which time only can solve.

I heard on the 4th inst. from a Corean that Prince Nin Yong Koo and seven companions are going through a course of military training in Hongkong under a British drill sergeant. They were seen drilling just before the *Signal* left port.—*Chinese Times* Correspondent.

HOIHOW.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

October 4th, 1889.

Since my last letter the weather has become comparatively cool and sickness has decreased accordingly.

The Chinese are busy building new forts here; the old ones are in a sadly dilapidated condition. During the late war a matter of some \$100,000 were granted for defence purposes, which resulted in a sand-battery! A French war-vessel was recently observed surveying at Ju-lin-kan in the South Coast; this, I hear, has created somewhat of an official scare.

A new lighthouse is shortly to be put up at Cape Cami on the mainland.

Another robbery took place here the other night; this time the thieves had the audacity to enter the Magistrate's Yamen.

Here is a good tiger story.—A sporting member of our small community recently appeared upon the scene, exhibiting a skin and bones as proof of his encounter with that dreaded beast; some, however, doubted; the dog test was brought to bear on the subject, strange to say the latter animal found tiger-bones quite palatable, and attacked them with a will; when I there are plenty of buffaloes around this country, and I have observed a vendor of skins prowling about!

I may add, however, that game is plentiful here, Snipe, partridge, deer, antelope and wild pig are far from home I hope for London sportsmen, but I hear that some Hongkongers are likely to visit us this season. It is rumoured that the Foreign Customs will shortly open, some new stations on the island.—*Courier*.

SOOCHOW.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

October 15th, 1889.

This is the twenty-seventh day since the floods commenced and still the water is coming down in torrents. This harvest rain is probably the most fearful calamity that has overtaken the central section of the Middle Kingdom since the invasion of the T'ai-pings. In some places the rice, ripe for the sickle, is "drowned," in other localities "the staff of life" lies mouldering in and sprouting in the water. Rice has already risen five cash to the pint. Rents are to be paid and the heavy taxes. The mandarins will be between two opposing forces; on the one side the gentry demanding that their tenants shall be forced to pay, and on the other the peasants who by tens of thousands are reduced to beggary. Water rents and taxes brought down one-half there might be a way to escape from the difficult situation, but what knows the Emperor or what care the *llerati*? The houses with their brick and dirt floors are wet and muddy and there is much sickness. The spectacle is a sad one.

The mandarins have gone to the principal temples praying for clear weather. When there is a drought, the Buddhist call on the multitude of dragons and rain deities, but on the question of fair weather the three religions seem to give no certain information. The officials have tried at the Ch'ien Huang Temple, the City Temple, the Temple of the Goddess of the Sea, the Temple of the Sun, etc. On Saturday the district magistrate of the Wu Hien and the prefect of this department went to Kunming-fu, a town on the Great Lake, to invite the "Brass Kuanyin" to come to Soochow, and on Sabbath morning, Governor Kang, the Confucian High Priest at the sacrifices to the Sage, with all the high mandarins repaired to the west gate, and with incense in their hands knelt on a carpet under a pavilion specially erected, and chanted prayers as they welcomed to the city this bronze image, which looks like a large doll, and escorted it to the Imperial garden where they go to it to pray. A fast is proclaimed and the capital sits clad in sackcloth and moist ashes.—*N. C. Daily News*.

SCOTT'S Emulsion of Pure Cod Liver Oil with Hypophosphites is prescribed by Physicians all over the world. It is a remarkable remedy for Consumption, Scrofula, and wasting diseases, and very palatable. Read the following:—I have much pleasure in stating that I have tried "Scott's Emulsion" in a case of impoverished blood, with scrofulous disease, and found it to be a very efficient preparation. It was taken without the least difficulty.—A. TEMPLE PERKINS, 22, Lordship Park, Stoke Newington, N. C. Any Chemist can supply it.—A. S. Watson & Co. (Limited), agents in Hongkong and China.

HONGKONG TEMPERATURE.

(From Messrs. G. & C. & Co.'s Register.)

To day.

Temperature 70. 5° Wind 0. 00

Humidity 70. 0% Pressure 30. 00

Wind 0. 00

Clouds 0. 00

Waves 0

Commercial.

TO-DAY.

THE SHARE MARKET.

5 o'clock.

Business is gradually improving, although rates continue steadily to decline. Banks are now freely offered at 183, but at present there is actually no demand for shares. We hear of a few Docks having changed hands at 63 per cent. premium for the end of the month, and there are no sellers at 64; but this stock is also, for the time being, 'on the shelf.' Sales of Steamboats have been booked to-day at from 30 to 40, the stock closing weak, with sellers at 40. China Sugars have been done at 229 and 230, and at the latter rate shares are still on offer. Pujoms were in demand this forenoon at 13, a number of shares finding purchasers at that rate, but later on the quotation weakened, and at the close 12 was the current rate. There were some inquiries after Land Investment shares at from 111 to 112, but no actual transactions were reported. In other stocks nothing has come under our observation.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

Hongkong and Shanghai Bank—183 per cent. premium, sellers.

Union Insurance Society of Canton—\$10 per share, buyers.

China Traders' Insurance Company—\$72 per share, sellers.

North China Insurance—Tls. 330 per share, buyers.

Canton Insurance Company, Limited—\$135 per share.

Yangtze Insurance Association—Tls. 100 per share.

On Tai Insurance Company, Limited—Tls. 150 per share.

Hongkong Fire Insurance Company—\$382 per share, sellers.

China Fire Insurance Company—\$84 per share, Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company—64 per cent. premium, sellers.

Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.—\$40 per share, sales and sellers.

China and Manila Steam Ship Company—102 per share, sellers.

Hongkong Gas Company—\$135 per share, sellers.

Hongkong Hotel Company—\$10 per share, sellers.

Hongkong Hotel Co.'s Six per cent. Debentures—\$50.

Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, Limited—15 per cent. dis., buyers.

Douglas Steamship Company—\$67 per share, sellers.

China Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$230 per share, sales and sellers.

Luxon Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$65 per share, sellers.

Hongkong Ice Company—\$111 per share, buyers.

Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited—\$40 per share.

Hongkong Dairy Farm Co., Limited—\$14 per share, sellers.

A. S. Watson & Co., Limited—\$23 per share, sellers.

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 B—28 per cent. premium, sellers.

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 C—5 per cent. premium, buyers.

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1886 E—11 per cent. premium.

Hongkong Soap Manufacturing Company, Limited—\$110 per share, sales and sellers.

The Hongkong Steam Laundry Co., Ltd.—\$25 per share, nominal.

Punjom and Sungie Dun Samantan Mining Co.—\$24 per share, sales and sellers.

Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company—\$60 per share, sellers.

Tonquin Coal Mining Co.—\$500 per share, buyers.

The Hongkong High-Level Tramway Co., Limited—210 per cent. prem., sellers.

The East Borneo Planting Co., Limited—\$61 per share, sellers.

The Songel Koyah Planting Co., Ltd.—\$61 per share, buyers.

Cruicksank & Co., Ltd.—\$40 per share, nom.

The Steam Launch Co., Limited—nominal.

The Austin Arms Hotel and Building Co., Ltd.—par, nominal.

The China-Borneo Co., Ltd.—\$25 per share, buyers.

The Hongkong Brick and Cement Co., Ltd.—\$18 per share, sellers.

The Green Island Cement Co. (Old Issue)—\$45 per share, buyers.

The Green Island Cement Co. (New Issue)—\$6 per share, buyers.

The Hongkong Land Investment Co., Ltd.—\$111 per share, buyers.

The Hongkong Electric Light Co., Ltd.—\$5 per share, buyers.

Geo. Fenwick & Co., Limited—\$30 per share, buyers.

The West Point Buildings Co., Ltd.—\$49 per share, sales and buyers.

The Peal Hotel and Trading Co., Ltd.—\$24 per share, sellers.

The Lubuk Planting Co., Ltd.—\$17 per share, buyers.

The Jelebu Mining and Trading Co., Ltd.—\$48 per share, sellers.

The Selama Tin Mining Co., Ltd.—\$41 per share, buyers.

The Shameen Hotel Co., Ltd.—\$5 per share, nominal.

The Kowloon Land Investment Co., Ltd.—\$20 per share, sellers.

The Hongkong Marina, Limited—25 per cent. premium, buyers.

EXCHANGE.

ON LONDON—Bank, T. T. 3/11

Bank Bills, on demand 3/11

Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight 3/11

Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight 3/11

Credits at 4 months' sight 3/2

Documentary Bills, at 4 months' sight 3/2

ON PARIS—Bank Bills, on demand 3/88

Credits, at 4 months' sight 3/90

ON INDIA, T. T. 2/11

On Demand 2/16

ON SHANGHAI—Bank, T. T. 7/21

Private, at 30 days' sight 7/3

OPIUM MARKET.—TUESDAY.

NEW MALWA, per picul \$570

(Allowance, Taels 32).

OLD MALWA, per picul \$580 to 600

(Allowance, Taels 32).

NEW PATNA, (without choice) per chest \$5478

NEW PATNA, (first choice) per chest \$520

NEW PATNA, (second choice) per chest \$575

OLD PATNA, (without choice) per chest \$5324

OLD PATNA, (first choice) per chest \$535

OLD PATNA, (second choice) per chest \$535

OLD PATNA, (bottom) per chest \$530

OLD PATNA, (bottom) per chest \$545.

NEW BENGAL, (without choice) per chest \$533

NEW BENGAL, (bottom) per chest \$5458

NEW PERSIAN, (best quality) per picul \$530

OLD PERSIAN, (best quality) per picul \$500

OLD PERSIAN, (second quality) per picul \$475

MAILS EXPECTED.

THE ENGLISH MAIL.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Coromandel*, with the English mail of 27th ultimo, left Singapore on Tuesday, the 22nd instant at 9:30 a.m., and may be expected here on or about Monday, the 28th.

THE FRENCH MAIL.

The Messageries Maritimes Co.'s steamer *Djennah*, with the next French mail left Saigon at 10 a.m. on the 20th instant, and is expected here on the 23rd.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The O. & O. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Gaile*, with the American mail, left San Francisco on the 3rd instant.

THE AUSTRALIAN MAIL.

The E. & A. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Airlie*, left Sydney for this port on the 10th instant, and is expected here on the 1st proximo.

THE CANADIAN MAIL.

The Canadian Pacific steamer *Abyssinia*, with the Canadian mail, left Vancouver on the 5th instant for Japan and Hongkong.

STEAMERS EXPECTED.

The China Shippers' Mutual S. N. Co.'s steamer *Ooback*, from Glasgow and Liverpool, left Singapore on the 17th instant, and is expected here on the 24th.

The E. & A. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Tannadice*, left Singapore on the 18th instant for this port, and is expected here on the 24th.

The Navigation Generale Italiana Co.'s steamer *Bormida*, from Bombay, left Singapore on the 21st instant, and may be expected here on or about the 28th.

The D. D. R. steamer *Cassandra* left Ferrol (Spain) on the 10th instant for China.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s extra steamer *Gwaior*, left Bombay for this port on the 17th instant, and is expected here on the 4th proximo.

Shipping.

ARRIVALS.

KIANG-FING, Chinese steamer, 360, Holmes, 21st Oct., Canton 21st October, Ballast—C. M. S. N. Co.

ALMORA, British steamer, 1,728, A. Hay, 21st October, Sourabaya 1st October, Sugar—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

PESSAWUR, British steamer, 2,136, L. H. Moule, 22nd Oct., Shanghai 10th Oct., Mails and General—P. & O. S. N. Co.

ANCONA, British steamer, 1,883, W. D. Mudie, 22nd Oct., Yokohama 13th Oct., Mails and General—P. & O. S. N. Co.

CONQUEROR, American ship, 1,540, A. D. Lothrop, 17th June, Anjer 1st June, Ballast—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.

DAPHNE, German steamer, 1,395, Voss, 22nd Oct., Singapore 10th Oct., General—Reuter, Brockelmann & Co.

ELIZABETH GRAHAM, British bark, 593, Charles S. Hedge, 29th Sept., Newcastle, N.S.W., 17th August, 1912 tons Coal—Adamson, Bell & Co.

ASHING'TON, German steamer, 809, Zindel, 22nd Oct., Bangkok 15th Oct., Rice and General—Siemens & Co.

THALES, British steamer, 820, Hunter, 22nd Oct., Taiwan 18th Oct., Amoy 19th, and Swatow 21st, General—D. Laprade & Co.

COLUMBIUS, German ship, 1,428, L. H. Haeslop, 22nd Oct., Newcastle, N.S.W., 29th Aug., Coal—Adamson, Bell & Co.

KITTY, British bark, 802, H. Wilson, 30th Aug., Portland, Oregon 6th July, Lumber—D. Muus & Co.

MABEL, American bark, 750, Snow, 19th Sept., Newcastle, N.S.W., 11th July, Coal—Adamson, Bell & Co.

MARABOUT, British ship, 1,498, Ferguson, 5th Oct., Newcastle 20th August, Coals—Adamson, Bell & Co.

N. M. SLADE, American bark, 535, J. C. Texcira, 1st October, Cebu 4th Sept., Sugar and Hemp—Captain.

OCIDENTAL, American ship, 1,170, M. Taylor, 26th Sept., Shanghai 21st Sept., General—Reuter, Brockelmann & Co.

PENPOINT, British bark, 276, Wm. Graham, 18th Oct., Freemantle, W.A., 23rd August, Coal—Adamson, Bell & Co.

PINSHAW, British bark, 726, Inokay, 12th Oct., Philippines 2nd Oct., Wood—Gibb, Livingston & Co.

REPORTER, American ship, 1,286, J. Spalding, 30th August, Newcastle, N.S.W., 11th July, Coal—Order.

ROBERT S. BERNARD, British bark, 1,200, M. J. C. Andrews, 15th August—Newcastle, N.S.W., 29th June, Coal—Adamson, Bell & Co.

SEA WITCH, American ship, 1,289, Chas. H. Tabbott, Newcastle, N.S.W., May 21st, Coal—Captain.

STELL, American brig, 477, N. H. Ritch, 22nd Sept., Newcastle, N.S.W., 1st August, Wm. CONNER, American ship, 1,423, Buturan, 24th Sept., Newcastle 9th August, Coal—Butterfield & Swire.

WANDERING JEW, American bark, 1,650, D. C. Nichols, 30th Sept., Newcastle, N.S.W., 21st August, Coal—Order.

SHIPPING IN HONGKONG.

STEAMERS.

BATAVIA, British steamer, 1,664, J. C. William, 15th Oct., put back. Mails and General—Adamson, Bell & Co.

CHOWTAI, British steamer, 1,055, F. W. Phillips, 10th Oct., Bangkok 11th Oct., General—Yuen Fat Hong.

CITY OF RIO DE JANEIRO, American steamer, 3,548, Wm. Ward, 18th Oct., San Francisco 21st Sept., and Yokohama 11th Oct., Mails and General—P. M. S. S. Co.

DORIS, German steamer, 777, J. Raben, 19th Oct., Touron 10th Oct., Salt and General—Wieler & Co.

FAME